

**To:** Deamer, Eileen[deamer.eileen@epa.gov]  
**From:** Snemis, Donald (IDEM)  
**Sent:** Wed 9/28/2016 6:02:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: East Chicago Zone 2 Update

Eileen:

I just found out that two more IDEM employees will be joining us:

Courtney Arango, Director of Communications

Brian Rockensuess, Director of Governmental Affairs

I apologize for the late notice.

Don

**From:** Snemis, Donald (IDEM)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 3:21 PM  
**To:** 'Deamer, Eileen'  
**Subject:** RE: East Chicago Zone 2 Update

Your email is timely. I just confirmed the list at a meeting that ended a few minutes ago. Here are the attendees from IDEM:

Carol Comer, Commissioner

Bruno Pigott, Chief of Staff

Don Snemis, General Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff

Keith Baugues, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air Quality

Martha Clark Mettler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Water Quality

Peggy Dorsey, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Land Quality

Amy Smith, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Land Quality



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**From:** Deamer, Eileen [<mailto:deamer.eileen@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 3:15 PM

**To:** Snemis, Donald (IDEM)

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Good afternoon –

Any information on attendees? I was hoping to have tent cards made up.

Thanks,

Eileen

**From:** Snemis, Donald (IDEM) [<mailto:DSnemis@idem.IN.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 1:33 PM  
**To:** Deamer, Eileen <[deamer.eileen@epa.gov](mailto:deamer.eileen@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Arango, Courtney <[CArango@idem.IN.gov](mailto:CArango@idem.IN.gov)>; Rockensuess, Brian <[BRockens@idem.IN.gov](mailto:BRockens@idem.IN.gov)>; Dorsey, Peggy <[PDorsey@idem.IN.gov](mailto:PDorsey@idem.IN.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: East Chicago Zone 2 Update

Eileen:

I see where the confusion comes from. I am personally involved in the East Chicago site, and that is why I told Ronna to feel free to send things pertaining to East Chicago directly to me. That won't be true for more routine matters. Below are the list of contacts you requested.

**Communications Director:**

Courtney Arango

(317) 234-9721

[carango@idem.in.gov](mailto:carango@idem.in.gov)

Courtney would be the go-to person for Communications issues, and I think she already has a good relationship with several members of EPA's communications team.

**Director of Government Relations:**

Brian Rockensuess

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[brockens@idem.in.gov](mailto:brockens@idem.in.gov)

Brian is our primary liaison to the Indiana legislature and the Indiana Congressional delegation.

In addition, Peggy Dorsey is our Deputy Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Land Quality, and all technical matters related to the USS Lead Superfund Site (as well as any other Superfund or RCRA site) are within Peggy's area. Any reports pertaining to technical matters could be directed to Peggy. Her contact information is below:

**Deputy Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Land Quality:**

Peggy Dorsey

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Finally, per your request, I am circulating an email to our executive team to confirm our list of attendees for next week's meeting. I will follow up when I have the confirmed list.

Feel free to call if you have any other questions.



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**From:** Deamer, Eileen [<mailto:deamer.eileen@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 2:01 PM  
**To:** Snemis, Donald (IDEM)  
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**Importance:** High

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Donald –

Maybe it was from this email you sent to Ronna. Thought I'd drop you a note so it's easy for you to just reply.

Thanks,

Eileen

**From:** Snemis, Donald (IDEM) [<mailto:DSnemis@idem.IN.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 12:17 PM  
**To:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin <[beckmann.ronna@epa.gov](mailto:beckmann.ronna@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: East Chicago Zone 2 Update  
**Importance:** High

Ronna:

Janet forwarded your email to me. Feel free to add me to your distribution list for anything

related to the East Chicago Superfund Site. Janet is our Commissioner's administrative assistant, and probably not the right person to receive these updates. Others from IDEM may also send you their contact information. Thanks and have a great weekend.



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**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin [<mailto:beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 11:43 AM

**To:** Smith, Janet

**Cc:** Deamer, Eileen

**Subject:** East Chicago Zone 2 Update

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Good morning,

Preliminary results from soil testing in zone 2 of the USS Lead Superfund site show levels of lead and arsenic at some properties that warrant further action. While the results are still being finalized, EPA is preparing to begin cleanups this fall. Based on the early results, there are at least 20 properties out of the 136 sampled that will be targeted for cleanup this construction season, weather permitting.

This summer EPA began testing properties in zone 2 to develop an engineering plan for the cleanup of the entire site. Starting at the south edge of the zone – closest to the former USS Lead factory – to date EPA has sampled soil from 136 properties out of a total of 590. EPA will finish sampling this year and will continue addressing properties needing cleanup in the spring.

EPA will notify residents as soon as final, validated sampling results become available for their properties and outline the next steps. The data will also be posted to the EPA website with personally identifiable information, including street addresses, removed.

EPA will hold an open house on Saturday, September 24, at Riley Park from 2-5pm for zone 2 and 3 residents to discuss the cleanup process and answer any questions.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Ronna Beckmann

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